

PORTLAND RPM WORKSHOP

Thur. May 21 - Sun. May 24

Portland welcomes Elizabeth Vosseller, a SLP and RPM specialist from Northern Virginia! Elizabeth will be working with Portland Metro clients ages 8 and up. Check out her blog at <u>Growing Kids Therapy!</u>

This workshop will provide families and professionals an opportunity to observe the RPM method with an experienced RPM specialist, as well as connect with local RPM coaches and families.

RPM (Rapid Prompting Method) is an educational and communication methodology that focuses on organizing sensory channels and motor coordination to better access thinking. It is a respectful approach that presumes competence and focuses on honoring and supporting individual differences. It is a successful approach for many individuals, but especially those on the spectrum who are "locked in," "not talking," and/or speak but are not able to communicate reliably.

The May workshop offers professionals and prospective families observation hours from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. Observers will join together in an open classroom setting where they will see live streaming of Elizabeth's work with her clients. This provides a unique experience in which all participants are able to meet one another and quietly reflect and discuss with each other about the things they are seeing! The cost for observation is \$75/day; teaching day fee is \$75; or \$200 for all access to all four days.

Registration link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gktc-rpm-observationseminar-portland-oregon-tickets-16345048480

If you have any additional questions, please contact Angie, Loreta, and Dana at RPMparentsPDX@gmail.com.

"I believe that special educators need to raise their standards and expectations for autistics. Invest in our education, and you may be surprised at the results."

- Charles (20 years old)

"Education should embrace their different learners and expect that each are capable of learning. This philosophy must be accepted if autistics have any chance for an education."

- Reece (20 years old)

"I would want open communication for all autistics wearing hard to control and yucky and awful bodies."

- Graciela (11 years old)



"All the experts need to question their thoughts on autism. My manifesto is to stop treating autism as if it were mental retardation, and start on helping autistics to talk."

-Reece 20 years old

"Believe in things that you can't see, and it may happen." -John 20 years old

